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Mr. David L. Hill, Chairman  
Federation of American Scientists  
1749 L Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hill:

This will acknowledge your letter of 13 January 1954 which inquires what security rating, if any, is applied by the Central Intelligence Agency to the Federation of American Scientists.

The National Security Act of 1947 prescribes that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers or internal-security functions. Accordingly, the development of security ratings for organizations existing in the United States is clearly outside the scope of this Agency's responsibilities. As a matter of principle, therefore, I believe it would be inappropriate to comment on any question of security rating which relates to any group, association or other organization.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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